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Nielsen, et al.

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Serial No.: 09/486,623

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filing Date: July 6, 2000

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PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACIDS HAVING ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

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REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

	Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:
	A Preliminary Amendment.
\boxtimes	An Amendment Responsive to the Final Rejection Dated <u>July 1, 2002</u> .
	An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
	Other:

Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.		
Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:		
an Independent Inventor		
a Small Business Concern		
a Nonprofit Organization		
This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.		
Loss of Entitlement Enclosed		
Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.		
An Abstract is enclosed.		
Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.		
A Certified Copy of each of the following applications:		
is enclosed.		
An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.		
Information Disclosure Statement.		
Attached Form 1449.		
A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.		
Appended Material as follows:		

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TOTAL CLAIMS	7	32 (20 MINIMUM)	0	\$9 EACH	\$0	\$18 EACH	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	6 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$42 EACH	\$0	\$84 EACH	\$
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	extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).
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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Rejection dated July 1, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 31-42 and 45-54 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 55 as follows.

55. (Amended)

(b)

A method of killing or inhibiting growth of bacteria comprising:

selecting a bacteria to be killed or inhibited; and

contacting said bacteria to be killed or inhibited with a peptide nucleic acid.

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